

### **Public Service Recognition Week, May 3-9, 2015**

This year marks the twentieth anniversary of Public Service Recognition Week (PSRW). Designated by Congress in 1985, PSRW is has been coordinated by the Public Employees Roundtable (PER) since 1985. The PER is a coalition of government employees and organizations which represents government workers and retirees nationwide and sat every level; they strive to promote public service and recognize excellence within the community.

Celebrated this year the week of May 3-8, PSRW highlights and acknowledges the efforts of federal workers on behalf of the American people. The PSRW theme for 2015 will be “Government Works” – showcasing the many faces of public servants and expressing appreciation for their selfless service. The Department of the Navy has over 200,000 dedicated employees; PSRW provides the opportunity to thank them for the good work they do every day.

PSRW will be recognized by government leaders across the country at the federal, state and local level through proclamations and award and recognition ceremonies. In his PSRW message of last year, President Obama expressed his gratitude to the country’s public servants, “Whether you recently came to public service to build a brighter tomorrow or you are a career employee who has dedicated your life to this pursuit, I am deeply grateful for you commitment to the American people, and I wish you all the best.”

PER has several initiatives planned to celebrate this important week, including profiles of government workers and their accomplishments, a white board photo campaign, and a Twitter Thunderclap. The week will culminate with the Public Service 5k Run/Walk on May 10<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds from the 5K will benefit the Federal Employee Education and Assistance Fund, a non-profit organization devoted to helping civilian federal and postal employees through scholarships and emergency assistance.

For more information or to explore other opportunities to recognize public service and servants, visit:  
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